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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIO/Warning

SUBJECT : NIO Monthly Warning Meetings, 16-20 July

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1. I attended most of the monthlies this week. Most were well organized, and the chairmen attempted to follow your "clouds on the horizon" guidance. Attendance was generally good. The following observations may be useful:

a. Questions about Soviet perceptions, intentions, philosophy, etc., arose at several non-Soviet meetings. As you would expect, conversation then became very speculative and somewhat uninformed. We may want to arrange for a Soviet observer at each meeting.

b. Participation by NITOs was almost non-existent. Although they attended some meetings (not all), they were uninformed when questions arose regarding collection capabilities. Maybe that's not their job?

c. SWS was not represented at NIO/AF. In view of the involvement of USSR, PRC, EG, & Cuba, I would recommend Doug send someone. By the way, SWS was represented just about everywhere else.

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